

Gov. Beshear Provides Vehicle Property Tax Relief

The Governor signed an [executive order](#) that will stop an increase in vehicle property taxes caused by soaring used car values, which in Kentucky rose approximately 40% since last year.

The property valuation for the average motor vehicle in Kentucky rose from \$8,006 to \$11,162 in just one year. The Governor said the abrupt adjustment warrants a change and under his order, for example, a Kentuckian will pay a tax amount similar to last year – if they own the same vehicle in the same condition and are living in the same county – and they will not pay taxes on the inflated value for the next two years.

The Governor said those who have already paid their 2022 taxes do not need to worry – they will be getting a refund from their local county clerk's office.

According to Kentucky state law, only the General Assembly can exempt all or any portion of the property tax applied to motor vehicles. For the first time, in Senate Joint Resolution 99 (R.S. 2022), the Kentucky Senate stated that the Governor has the authority to provide vehicle property tax relief, and in response, Gov. Beshear has acted quickly.